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POTOMAC EDISON FINANCING CLEARED. The SEC has issued an order under the Holding Company Act (Release 35-15018) authorizing The Potomac Edison Company, Hagerstown, Md., to issue and sell \$16,000,000 of bonds due 1994 at competitive bidding. Potomac also will issue and sell to its parent, Allegheny Power System, Inc., of New York, 200,000 common shares for \$4,000,000. The proceeds of this financing will be used to finance, in part, the construction program of Potomac and its subsidiaries for 1964-65 and to pay \$6,000,000 of notes previously sold to Allegheny to obtain funds for construction purposes.

ACQUISITION OF EASTERN GAS STOCK CLEARED. The SEC has ^{approved} issued an order under the Holding Company Act (Release 35-15019) ~~granting an exemption with respect to~~ the purchase by Jacob M. Kaplan, of New York City, of stock of Eastern Gas and Fuel Associates, an exempt holding company which owns all the stock of Boston Gas Company. Kaplan states that in various fiduciary and representative capacities he has acquired, and now owns, controls or holds with power to vote, 105,364 shares or 6.5% of Eastern's outstanding stock.

BRIGGS & STRATTON FILES FOR SECONDARY. Briggs & Stratton Corporation, 2711 North 13th St., Milwaukee, Wisc., filed a statement (File 2-22101) with the SEC on February 25 seeking registration of 66,500 outstanding shares of capital stock. This stock is to be offered for public sale by Armin S. McGregor as Executor of the Will of Elizabeth Stratton McGregor, deceased, which sale will reduce the estate's holdings to 200 shares. The offering is to be made through underwriters headed by Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc., 731 North Water St., Milwaukee, at a price (\$45 per share maximum*) related to the current market price of the stock on the New York Stock Exchange at the time of sale. Underwriting terms are to be supplied by amendment. The company is a producer of 2 to 9 horsepower single cylinder, 4-cycle air-cooled gasoline engines used to supply power for lawn mowers and garden equipment and a variety of other applications; and it also produces locks, keys and switches for the automotive industry. The company now has outstanding 3,499,952 shares of capital stock, of which management officials own 4.4%. The prospectus lists C. L. Coughlin as president.

M. A. S. MARKIS SENTENCED. The SEC Atlanta Regional Office announced February 20th (LR-2849) that the U. S. District Court in Miami had revoked the suspension of sentence previously imposed upon Michael Angelo Socrates Makris by reason of violations by Makris of the special conditions of his probation; and Makris was ordered to commence serving a five-year prison sentence. He had been convicted in 1962 of mail fraud, securities fraud and conspiracy.

DREYLING & CO. ENJOINED. The SEC New York Regional Office announced February 24 (LR-2850) the entry of a Federal court order (USDC NJ) preliminarily enjoining Louis R. Dreyling & Co., Inc., of New Brunswick, N. J., from further violations of the Securities Act anti-fraud provisions in the sale of stock of North-eastern Financial Corp. Also enjoined were Louis R. Dreyling, Reginald M. Bevan and Fred Cimino.

CORRECTION RE BENEFICIAL FINANCE OFFERING. The debenture offering proposal of Beneficial Finance Co., referred to in the SEC News Digest of February 24th is in the amount of \$50,000,000 (not \$20,000,000).

CORRECTION RE ALBERT-ABRAMS CONVICTION. The conviction of Sidney L. Albert and Joseph Abrams referred to in the SEC News Digest of February 24th involved charges of violating the Securities Act registration (not anti-fraud) provisions.

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS. Effective February 25: Consolidated Foods Corp. (File Nos. 2-22038 and 2-22039); The Taylor Wine Co., Inc. (File 2-21931).
Effective February 26: Balanced Income Fund, Inc. (File 2-21789); J. L. Clark Manufacturing Co. (File 2-22054); Park Electrochemical Corp. (File 2-22032).
Withdrawn February 25: A Song of Sixpence Company (File 2-21760).

*As estimated for purposes of computing the registration fee.

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